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AP with WE Service: Impact Report



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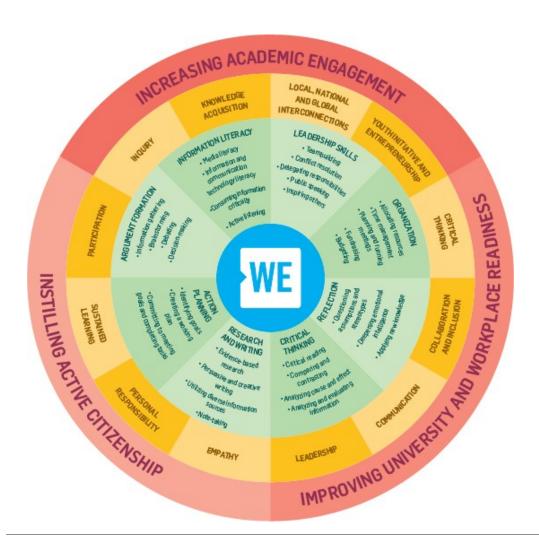


## What is Service Learning?

"Learning is the process whereby knowledge is created through the transformation of experience." – David Kolb

- O1 A pedagogy that combines classroom instruction with meaningful service to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.
- O2 It is based on a structured academic foundation that goes beyond volunteering or doing community service.
- O3 By combining classroom learning with the completion of a service project, students are able to develop an understanding of local and global issues, while engaging in actions that make a difference, each experience reinforcing the other.

## WE Service learning framework



All program activities, from educational resources to leadership events, are designed to achieve three core outcomes in young people:

- 1. Increasing academic engagement
- 2. Improving university and workplace readiness
- 3. Instilling active citizenship



## Student Outcomes from the WE Service Learning Framework



**Academic Achievement** 

More likely to be seen as a leader at school by peers and teachers

2.1x

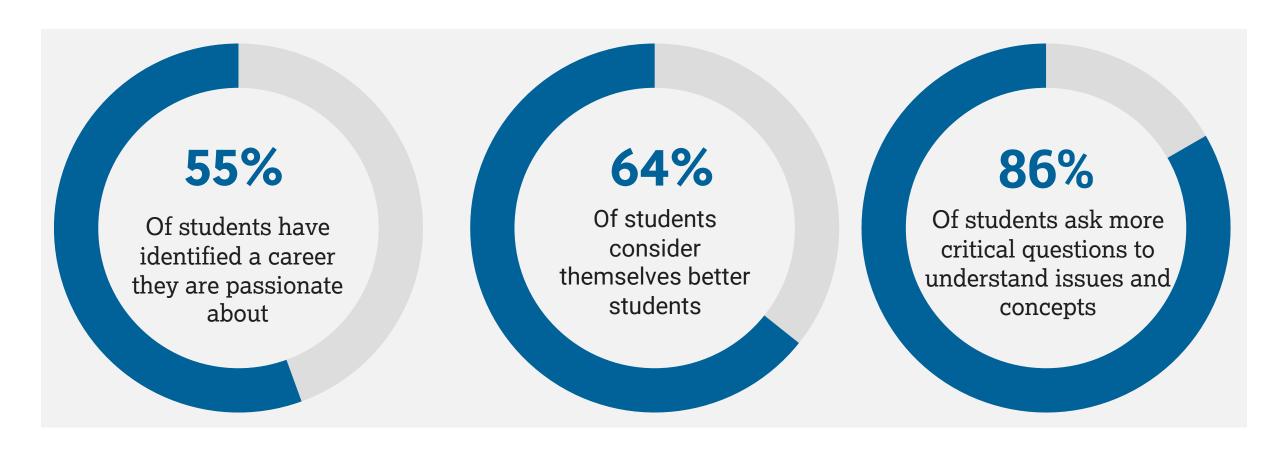
**Workplace Readiness** 

More likely to bring people together to solve problems

**Civic Engagement** 

**5.2X** More likely to self-identify as agents of change

# Service Learning motivates students to identify and reach their academic goals





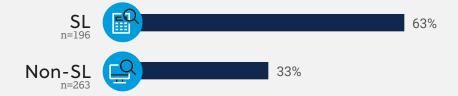


# Youth practicing Service Learning are more likely to have a deep understanding of local and global social issues

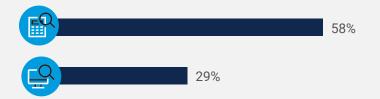
Compared to their peers, students in Service Learning (SL) are:

#### **Knowledge Acquisition**

1.9x more likely to have a deep understanding of social problems in their community



2.0x more likely to have a deep understanding of global social issues

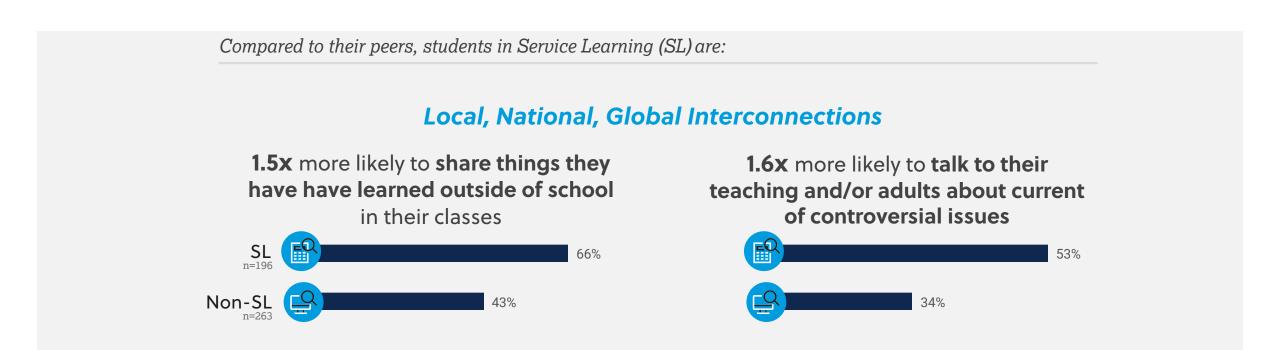


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# Students involved with Service Learning are more likely to draw connections between classroom Learning and local/global issues



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# Students involved with Service Learning are more likely to have awareness and knowledge to solve social problems

Participation

2.2x more likely to actively raise awareness about social problems

SL

n=196

Non-SL

n=263

2.1x more likely to know how to find organizations that will help them improve their community

51%

2.7%

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## **Teacher Outcomes from Service Learning**



82% Say they have meaningful relationships with more of their students

**82%** Agree they are more personally and professionally fulfilled

78% Indicate their colleagues view them as a leader in their school and community

**76%** Say they prioritize developing their students' 21st century skills

### **Advanced Placement and WE**

- The College Board's Advanced Placement program and WE collaborated to build a program that combined AP's college level curriculum with WE's internationally recognized service learning framework.
  - The WE Schools program is a leader in innovative experiential service learning that engages youth globally to empower them with the skills, knowledge and motivation to bring positive change to themselves and the world.
  - WE Schools has created more than \$265M of social value and raised more than \$5.8M for global causes
- AP with WE Service provides students an opportunity to apply what they are learning in the classroom to solve real world social issues and strengthen course content and skills

"...Adding a service component to the curriculum does for students what all teachers hope to achieve they become more engaged and compassionate, and they come to care tremendously about what they're learning, I think, at a higher level than they would without it." - AP with WE Service Educator





## What do students do in AP with WE Service?

#### Investigate and Learn

 Students explore topics related to their AP course content and skills and apply it to a real-world issue.

#### Action Plan

• Students conduct analysis of related problems and solutions and develop a plan to implement their service learning project, including one local/national action and one global action.

#### Take Action

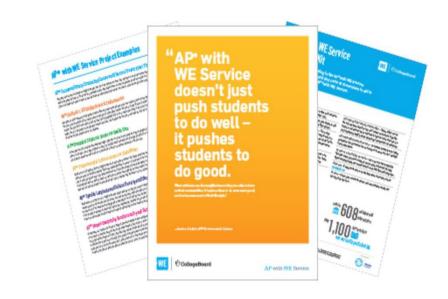
Students implement their action plan and complete their service project

#### Report and Celebrate

• Students showcase their service learning project to communication conclusion, impact or make a recommendation

#### Student Recognition

- Students who complete an AP with WE Service course, meet the recognition requirements, and take the AP Exam for that course will earn the AP with WE Service student recognition.
- The recognition is show on students' AP score report that colleges and universities receive.



## **AP with WE Service since 2016...**



10,000+ students participated in AP with WE Service



8,500+ students
have earned the
AP with WE Service
Recognition



800+ colleges and universities have received score reports with AP with WE Service recognitions



## **In 2018-2019 School Year**



608 teachers participated



441 schools authorized



50 U.S. states represented



16 international countries represented





Students participating in AP with WE Service have expressed considerable satisfaction with the program.

80%

would recommend AP with WE Service to other students







74%

71%

78%

75%

Improved their critical thinking skills

Deepened their understanding of course content

Developed their leadership skills

Enhanced their social skills

# Students are more connected to their community and empowered to make a positive change.

79%

76%

95%

AP with WE Service strengthened my sense of responsibility

My commitment to my community has strengthened as a result of AP with WE Service

My project addressed the identified problem in a meaningful way





# AP with WE Service has proven to benefit students and teachers alike

Nearly every student developed a passion for the service project... It allowed most of them to dig deeper into the content of the AP course and develop a richer understanding of issues relevant to the course.

—**David Hong**AP Environmental Science teacher

I believe the program integrates service into the curriculum in a way that encourages students to think beyond themselves ... I gained much more from the course than I would have without the service learning aspect.

—**Kelly Yi** AP Studio Art: 2D Design student





Teachers are overwhelmingly pleased with their participation in AP with WE Service

88%

would sign up to teach AP with WE Service **again** 

81% found it manageable to assist designing student projects







# Teachers experienced student growth in a variety of areas and skills.

73%

Saw improved critical thinking skills

67%

Experienced deepened understanding of course content

76%

Witnessed improved leadership skills

73%

Saw elevated social skills





"Students should be encouraged to engage in meaningful, sustained community service that is authentically chosen, consistent, and well-structured, and that provides opportunity for reflection both individually and with peers and adults. The college admissions process should value this kind of service."





## **Get Involved with AP with WE Service**



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